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ASHEVILLE, N. C.

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TERMS.—\$1.50 per annum, strictly in advance. To clubs of ten or more, at \$1 each. All papers are discontinued as soon as the time paid for expires.
Rev. P. W. Edwards and Col. S. Walker are our Agents for Haywood county.

A. S. Merrimon, Esq., State Solicitor for this Circuit, has been putting offenders through a "course of sprouts" with a vim. John Twigg was convicted last week at Rutherford Court of the murder of Wm. McCall, and sentenced to death. The case was removed from Burke. On the circuit, he has convicted eight men of murder and seven of manslaughter. The majesty of the law is thus vindicated, and the vicious taught that they cannot commit crime with impunity.

FOR THE NEWS.

REV. MR. ATKIN:—DEAR SIR:—The last number of your paper contained an article signed W. J., that I suppose emanated from Mr. Wm. Johnston, of Asheville. Mr. Johnston says many things that no body will dispute, but nothing in reply to a charge that had been made against the Company of Childs, Johnston & Willard, "That they had in the few months they had owned the Factory on Saluda River, S. C., paid the purchase money, by their profits." As W. J. has not done this, I am one of the "wiseacres" who will conclude that he cannot do so, and that his Company, by their exorbitant charges for yarn and other products of their factory, have been principally instrumental in getting up the high prices now asked for all the necessities of life, not only in this section, but throughout the country generally. If W. J. had the facts to sustain him, he could easily show, without multiplying words, that as the Company paid so much for the raw material, labor, oil, &c., &c., and lost so much by the wear and tear of machinery, they cannot afford to sell their products cheaper, to realize a reasonable profit. I hope he will still try to do this.

Very respectfully yours,
STEPHEN LEE.

Cove, Dec. 13, 1862.

I will merely add that I have just received from a Factory in Spartanburg District, S. C., 10 bunches of yarn at \$3 per bunch. For the highest No.'s they charge \$4.

MASONIC GRAND LODGE.

This body has been in session in this city, says the Raleigh State Journal, since Monday night last. It was that they would adjourn last (Thursday) night. Their proceedings, we learn, have been characterized by the usual harmony pertaining to their meetings, and much important business has been expeditiously transacted. We understand the Grand Lodge has concluded to sell St. John's college and its appurtenances.

The following officers for the ensuing year, have been elected and appointed OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE.

Dr. E. F. Watson, of Alamance, G. W. Master.
Hon. E. G. Reade, of Person, Deputy G. M.
Dr. John McCormick, of Harnett, G. S. W.
Dr. R. K. Speed, of Pasquotank, G. J. W.
C. W. D. Hutchins, of Raleigh, G. T.
W. T. Bain, of Raleigh, G. S.
Rev. James Reid, of Franklin, G. C.
S. P. Horton, of Johnston, G. S. D.
J. H. Stevenson, of Wake, G. J. D.
J. M. Long, of Cabarrus, G. Marshall.
Eugene Grissom, of Granville, G. S. B.
F. F. Foster, of Wake, Pursuivant.
S. M. Parish, of Wake, G. Tiler.

The Mobile Advertiser & Register of the 6th says that a rumor is current there that an engagement occurred at Berwick's Bay, Louisiana, a few days ago, between our troops at that point and a mixed force of whites and blacks from New Orleans, in which the enemy were defeated with considerable loss. Our troops, it is said, went into action under the black flag, captured between thirty and forty prisoners, and shot them on the spot. The Crescent regiment and the 18th Louisiana are alone mentioned as having participated in the affair. We give the story precisely as we heard it.

THE BATTLE OPENED AT FREDERICKSBURG.

RICHMOND, Dec. 11.—The fight began at Fredericksburg this morning, at 5 o'clock. At that hour the enemy attempted the passage of the Rappahannock at three points by means of pontoon bridges. At two points they were repulsed; at the third, being under cover of their guns, they could not be interrupted, and were engaged in constructing the bridge. But if they crossed and ascended the plain above, they would be swept by our guns. At last accounts, the firing still continued, and it was reported at 6 o'clock that the enemy were crossing.

RICHMOND, Dec. 12.—The Enquirer, of this morning, contains additional particulars of the fighting at Fredericksburg yesterday. The enemy attempted to lay down pontoon bridges, at three points—one at the site of the railroad bridge which spanned the river at the lower end of the town; another at the ford above town, and between it and Fallmouth; and the third below the mouth of Deep Run, which is three miles below the city. The attempts at the first named points were repulsed, with considerable loss to the enemy, our sharpshooters and skirmishers co-operating with the artillery in the affair. At the lower point the pontoons were protected from the fire of our artillery by the river bluff, and the command of the position by the enemy's guns rendered sharpshooters unavailable. At half-past twelve the bridge was reported as nearly complete. There had, of course, been no attempt at crossing. The troops engaged were Longstreet's. The cannonading was very severe.

P. S.—A dispatch from Fredericksburg, dated at 6 o'clock, says that the enemy were then crossing on their pontoon bridges. On reaching the South bank, they will be in the shelter of a nook between the bluff and river. This space is of a horse-shoe shape, and is sufficient perhaps to contain ten thousand men above, and below it is said that the bluff approaches the river and changes the Southern shore, so that the enemy cannot march up or down the river under cover of the bluff. We shall not be surprised to learn that this ascent of the bluff was made under cover of last night's darkness, and that the attempt brought on a night battle. The house of Wm. H. Vaughan, on the river road, was set on fire by a shell, which burned also that of George King, near the depot. Shells passed through the house of Rev. Dr. Broadus and that of Mr. J. A. Scott. The steeple of the Baptist Church was shot away, and some houses in the upper part of the town destroyed. Jacob Grath, a citizen, was killed, and his brother George wounded by the explosion of a shell.

About thirty of our wounded men were brought down last night on the train.

7 p. m.—It is reported that there has been fighting during the day at Fredericksburg, but there is no official or reliable intelligence from there.

RICHMOND, Dec. 13.—The papers this morning furnish some interesting particulars of events at Fredericksburg, on yesterday and Thursday night. The Enquirer says the enemy, under cover of artillery firing, crossed the river and occupied the city. The pontoons began to cross at eleven o'clock in the night of Thursday, and at daylight Friday morning the artillery opened. The firing reached as high as sixty shots per minute, and this rate continued all day. Under its cover bridges were thrown across the river. The first adventurous ranks that touched the Southern shore were quickly captured. As the bridges approached this side, our sharpshooters would rise from the ground and fire into the bridge builders. Many of the enemy were killed and wounded in throwing the bridges across. The fighting yesterday was in Bernard's woods, two and a half miles this side of the town. The occupation of the town of Fredericksburg and obtained with nominal opposition on our part, give questionable advantage only to the enemy. We believe the Rappahannock will yet be more to our advantage behind the enemy than when it was in their front. Up to the time of departure of the train from Hamilton's crossing, the two armies had been engaged in skirmishing, which had commenced early and continued briskly. The special correspondent of the Examiner, writes at 12 M., yesterday, says that sharp skirmishing ensued in the streets of Fredericksburg, and at about eight o'clock our forces relinquished the place to the enemy.

During the skirmishing the enemy fired the post-office, Methodist church.

The Bank of Virginia and all the houses on the square were consumed.

POSTSCRIPT.

Later from Fredericksburg.

GOOD NEWS, IF TRUE.

A private despatch from Greenville, Tenn., later than anything previously received, states that a great battle had been fought near Fredericksburg; in which the Abolition army was completely routed, "horse, foot and dragoons." Gen. Lee had fallen back some twelve miles from the city, evidently to draw Burnside away from the river. The latter pushed on after him, and received an awful whipping. We have every reason to regard the despatch as reliable.

GLORIOUS VICTORY IN TENN.

Morgan again at work.—Attacks the enemy on the Cumberland.—Kills two hundred and captures one thousand eight hundred Yankees.—Two thousand small arms and other stores taken.—Our loss small.—Two of the enemy's trains captured, etc.

RICHMOND, Dec. 9.—An official dispatch, dated Murfreesboro', Tenn., Dec. 8th, received at the Department here, says: "An expedition under acting Brigadier General John H. Morgan attacked an outpost of the enemy at Huntsville on the Cumberland river, yesterday morning, killed and wounded two hundred, captured eighteen hundred prisoners, two pieces of artillery, two thousand small arms and all other stores at the post."

On the previous day a small foraging train was captured by Gen. Wheeler near Nashville with fifty prisoners, and on the 5th Col. Riddy, Alabama cavalry, captured a train near Corinth with its escort and a number of negroes.

Our loss at Hartsville was about 125 killed and wounded, and none at either of the other places.

(Signed) BRAXTON BRAGG,
General Commanding.

THE BATTLE OF HARTSVILLE.

INTERESTING PARTICULARS.

The more that we learn of the battle Sunday last, the greater is our astonishment at the wonderful success that attended this daring exploit. It is another evidence of the superior sagacity and military skill of Gen. Morgan, who projected the expedition and carried it to a successful issue. His plans were well matured, and though there were delays of an unavoidable character, every detail was promptly and faithfully executed. There has been, we dare say, no feat of arms so brilliant or so completely triumphant in the Western Department as this; indeed, we doubt if the annals of the war can present another instance of equal daring.

The forces engaged in the affair on our side were the Ninth and Second Kentucky infantry, commanded by Col. Thos. H. Hunt, numbering six hundred and eighty men, and the cavalry regiments of Chenault, Duke, Bennett and Huffman, with Cobb's Kentucky Battery. All told, our force was about thirteen hundred. The enemy was the Thirty-Ninth Brigade of Dumont's division, composed of three regiments, one battalion, a squadron of cavalry and section of artillery. It was commanded by Col. Abraham B. Moore, of Peru, Lasalle county, Illinois, whose commission, we are authorized to say, is now in possession of Corporal Whelan, Co. K. 2d Kentucky.

The attack was made just after sunrise; but instead of surprising the Yankees, they were found strongly posted on the top of a steep hill, and in perfect line of battle. Our line was formed under the fire of the enemy, but it was done with great precision and perfect steadiness. After our boys had commenced the forward movement there was no delay or hesitancy. The Abolitionists were driven from their position, then through their camps, their battery of fine Parrott guns captured, and finally hemmed in on the river bank, where they surrendered. The fight lasted for one hour and twenty minutes; but in that brief period the firing was rapid, and the contest severe. Many gallant spirits fell on our side, but we heaped the field with thrice the number of Yankee slain.

Cobb's battery sustained an important part in the fight, and lost severely. Lieut. Gracey was, as he is on all similar occasions, conspicuous for his gallantry and good conduct. It was the

ninth engagement in which he has participated, and out of all he has escaped unharmed, save at Shiloh. David Watts, a private of this battery, who was killed, was an intelligent and promising young man, the son of the well known Merchant of Paducah.

The town of Hartsville and some four hundred of the enemy were captured by Col. Bennett's command.

To John Bazer, of Company G, Ninth Kentucky regiment, belongs the honor of capturing the battle flag of the enemy. It is a beautiful piece of silk bunting, with the letter B, upon it.

The ninth regiment also has the flag of the 104th Illinois regiment.

The second regiment brought off the colors of the 106th Ohio, which before reaching town were by order of Major James W. Hewitt, reversed, the Union down—a signal of distress.

But the most remarkable fact connected with the expedition was the endurance of the infantry troops. They marched on a bitter night over fifty miles, fought a splendid battle, captured twice their number, crossed the Cumberland River twice, and yet there was no complaints heard and no straggling witnessed.

We append a correct list of the casualties. The losses of the cavalry regiments engaged were trifling. We have been furnished a list of the wounded Abolition prisoners who were brought in. For this we are indebted to Dr. R. R. Stevenson, of the sixth Kentucky regiment, who was present at the battle and rendered distinguished service to the injured; but as we presume no one in Dixie is interested in any of these fellows, we do not encumber our columns with their names.

THE PRISONERS.—Yesterday the twenty-one hundred Abolitionists captured in the engagement at Hartsville on Sunday last were brought to town and placed under guard in the Court House Square. They are a motley crew, of all nationalities, from the twanged Yankee to the guttural Dutchman of fresh importation. We saw but few really intelligent faces, and from these specimens, the new levies of Lincoln must be composed of the offscourings of the North. The prisoners belong to the 104th Illinois, 106th and 108th Ohio and 2d Indiana regiments. We understand also that a company of the 11th Kentucky was found among the party.—Rebel Banner.

RECONSTRUCTION.

The plan of Ex-Senator Bigler, of Pennsylvania, for ending the war consists of a suggestion that the Legislatures of the Yankee States shall petition Congress to call a Convention for the purpose of "reconstructing the Constitution," with the view of making it satisfactory to the Confederate States and inducing their return to the Union. Mr. Bigler mistakes the point of the difficulty. The fault was not in the Constitution, nor did the Southern States withdraw on account of dissatisfaction with that instrument. No alteration of it, even if such alteration were left altogether to themselves, would begin to satisfy the Southern States. What they object to, and what they never will cease to object to, is association with the Yankee race on any terms. If Senator Bigler could "reconstruct" the Yankee, from head to heel, *intus et in cute*, in mind, heart, soul and body, so that there would be no atom or instinct of the original beast left, we might then consider the question of re-union, but even then would probably determine that it is best for us to be alone.—Richmond Whig.

It is gratifying to know that our Government has had proffers of loans from the capitalists of a number of the countries of Europe. This fact, which we obtain from a source commanding our fullest confidence, tends to show better than almost any other manifestation, the true light in which we are there viewed, and the purposes of the European courts. The bankers of the European capitalists have long been proverbial for their farseeing sagacity, and for their success in obtaining in advance of others accurate information of the purposes of their rulers. Hence the exchange quotations are an accurate political as well as financial barometer.

At the same time that the above is true, we learn with equal certainty, that Europe has been secured for a loan by the United States authorities, but scoured in vain.

This preference of our credit over that of our foes is shown by men whose business it is to make their investments according to their judgment upon facts. It tells of the confidence of the best informed in Europe in our independence, solvency and honor.—Rich. Enquirer.

SOUTHERN CURRENCY.

Richmond, Dec. 9.—Reliable information has been received from the North that the notes of North Carolina, Georgia, Louisiana and South Carolina Banks are taken at a discount of only five per cent., thus indicating that the bankers of the U. S. anticipate an early peace.

The Petersburg Express has the particulars of the battle of Plymouth, obtained from official despatches from Gen. French. On Wednesday last, before day, five companies of the 17th N. C. Troops, Lieut. Col. Evans, dashed into Plymouth, N. C., and drove the Yankees pell mell from the place. We killed and wounded many, and took 25 prisoners and 75 negroes. Our troops being fired at from the houses, Col. Lamb ordered the men to batter them down, and two-thirds of the town was burnt. An Abolition gun-boat was driven down the river and seriously disabled. The negroes and prisoners were all brought away. Our loss was six wounded, including Capt. Galloway.

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 11.—President Davis made a speech here this morning. He thinks the Tory issue of East Tenn. exaggerated. He will stay a day here on his return from visiting the West. The President is in fine health and spirits. The Confederate Court have found true bills against five persons for counterfeiting Confederate notes in the mountains.

KENTUCKY, says the Chicago Times, has been almost completely stripped of Federal troops. They have been sent to the Lower Mississippi. An internal strife is commencing in the State, and there are apprehensions of trouble.

Charleston, Dec. 11.—A late Nassau letter, written by a trustworthy gentleman of Cuba, states that seven cargoes of negroes have lately been offered for sale in Cuba by the Yankees.

The demand for Confederate Stock in Richmond continues unabated—it being estimated that half a million in notes are retired daily.

The residence of Hon. Wm. A. Graham, at Hillsborough, was destroyed by fire on the 11th inst. His library was saved and most of the furniture, the latter injured.

RICHMOND, December 10.—The price of Salt is coming down rapidly. Two weeks since that article sold in Richmond at \$1.50 per pound; yesterday, it was sold in Petersburg at fifty five cents per pound.

\$60 REWARD.

H. D. QUES, MURFREESBORO', MID. TENN., November 24, 1862.

THE above reward will be paid for the apprehension and delivery to me at these Headquarters of M. B. Wells and J. P. Copeland, privates in Co. L, 60th Reg't N. C. Vol., or fifteen dollars each for their confinement in Asheville jail. Said M. B. Wells is about seventeen years of age, fair complexion, blue eyes, light hair, is about 5 feet 7 inches high, and weighs about one hundred and thirty-five lbs.—Said J. P. Copeland is about twenty-six years of age, dark complexion, blue eyes, black hair, is about five feet eight inches high, and weighs about one hundred and fifty pounds, and is a resident of McDowell county.

By order of Col. J. A. McDowell, commanding 60th Reg't N. C. Vol.

G. M. ROBERTS, Capt.
Comd'g Co. 1, 60th Reg't N. C. Vol.

Dec. 11.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY.

Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, November Term, 1862.

Sarah Shuford vs. George and J. I. Shuford.

Petition for Dower in Lands.

IT appearing that Benjamin King and wife, and Charles Shuford, are non-residents of this State, it is therefore ordered by the Court that public advertisement be made in the Asheville News for six weeks, notifying the said Benj. King and wife and Charles Shuford, to appear at the next term of this Court, or order will be taken as to them and dower granted.

Witness, GEORGE ORR, C. C. C.

Dec. 11.

ATTENTION SOLDIERS!

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Dec. 9, 1862.

I HAVE been authorized to receive recruits for the 60th N. C. Reg't, now in Breckinridge's Division, Gen. Polk's corps, and all persons wishing to join any company in the Reg't, are requested to report to me as soon as possible, and I will furnish them transportation. I will remain in Asheville for a few days.

W. M. HARDY, Capt.
Co. A, 60th Reg't N. C. Vol.

Dec. 11.

NEGROES TO HIRE,

FROM the 1st of January, 1863, for twelve months.

1 Likely Negro Man about 20 years old, and

1 Woman who is a good cook and washer.

Apply to SUMMEY & CO.

Dec. 11.

FOR SALE.

A LIKELY NEGRO WOMAN 26 years old, and her girl child 3 or 4 years old.

Payment required in Corn and Pork, the balance in Confederate notes, fundable in 8 per cent. Bonds. Apply at THIS OFFICE.

Dec. 11.

DEATHS.

DIED.—of typhoid fever, at the Wilson Hospital, N. C., JOHN C. REED, only son of Jacob and Catharine Reed, of this county, in the 22d year of his age. He was one of that noble company called the Edgewood Grays, and had been constantly at his post for near 14 months, until his last illness, which lasted only about 12 days. He had been a member of the Baptist church for six years, and the writer has been informed by his companions in arms that he never took up with any evil habits, but seemed inclined to serve his God as well as his country.

DIED.—At the residence of his father-in-law, on the 17th Nov. 1862, of Typhoid fever, CHAS. R. P. BYERS, in the 51st year of his age. He was a member of Capt. Gager's company, R. & R. Guards, 14th Reg't N. C. T., and formerly Editor and proprietor of the Asheville Spectator. He was taken ill before starting on the march to Maryland, but notwithstanding his illness, he marched with the company all day, and stacked arms with his comrades at night. When near Frederick City, Md., he was taken prisoner and sent North to Fort Delaware where he remained two days, was paroled and sent back to Richmond where he remained three weeks in Windsor Hospital, suffering greatly all the time. He at length procured a furlough and came home to his family and friends—but to die. He lingered four weeks after his return home, bearing his sufferings with great patience and fortitude. He was quite cheerful at times and gave us great hope of his recovery; but alas death tore him from our hearts and crushed our hopes. But we rejoice in the midst of sorrow—rejoice that we could have him with us to attend to him in his last illness and pay the last tribute of respect to his remains. When the first call was made for volunteers, 18 months ago, inspired with woman's patriotism we gave him up cheerfully to go and defend our homes. Though we loved him devotedly, and it grieved us to part with him, yet we looked forward to a happy reunion in the future. Our bright anticipations have been crushed and buried like many others. Charles frequently spoke of his anxiety to get well, and unwillingness to die, but when told he must die he said: "I must die, I will die like a man." When asked if he was prepared to exchange worlds he said his hope of heaven was not as bright as he desired, but said: "I have tried to serve my God and country to the best advantage for the last 18 months—to the former I gave a portion of my time, to the latter my life, and that is all that I can do." He has gone we hope to join many of his comrades in a land of peace, and while there is sorrow on earth there is joy in heaven. LOOLA B****

NOTICE.

I WILL prepare the papers necessary to draw pay due deceased soldiers. Having had considerable experience, I can guarantee correctness. Call at my office. W. B. BAIRD. Asheville, December 18, 1862. 4w

\$25 REWARD.

JACKSON COUNTY, N. C., Nov. 30, 1862. A FINE young filly strayed or was stolen from Mr. Herren's on Newfound, Buncombe county, on the 22d of this instant, three years old last spring, dark bay with a small star in her face, and some white on one of her hind feet. She is in common order. If she is stolen I will pay \$25 for her delivery at any safe place. Also the same sum for the thief. But if she is only strayed, I will give a liberal reward for her. Dec. 18.—St S. W. COOPER.

\$30 REWARD.

HEADQUARTERS 108th N. C. MILITIA, Asheville, N. C., Dec. 17, 1862. THE above reward will be paid for the apprehension and delivery at these Headquarters of JOHN A. LANCE, who deserted the 108th Reg't N. C. M., on or about the 20th of October, 1862, to avoid conscription. Said Lance is about 20 years of age, 5 ft. 7 or 8 inches in height, weighs about 140 lbs., fair complexion, light hair, quick spoken. He is supposed to be lurking about in the neighborhood of Marietta, Greenville District, S. C. The above reward will be paid for his delivery at these Headquarters, or \$15 for his confinement until sent for. W. R. YOUNG, Enrolling officer, 108th N. C. M. Dec. 18. 3t

\$30 REWARD.

I WILL pay thirty dollars reward for the apprehension and delivery to me of each of the following deserters, at the camp of the Regiment: Co. "A," HENDERSON COUNTY. J. W. Beard, B. G. Cross, J. F. Quinn, David Rees and Jasper Morrison. Co. "B," JACKSON COUNTY. Robert P. Crawford, Wm. Hossle, Jos. Hossle, Milton W. Moss, Joshua W. Hall, Wm. W. Cooper, Elbert Watson and Joshua A. Gibbs. Co. "C," HAYWOOD COUNTY. James R. Chambers, John H. Chambers, Geo. W. Green, Nathan Lister, John L. Jones, James N. Wade, Thomas A. White, Samuel G. B. White and James A. Anderson. Co. "D," CHEROKEE COUNTY. W. L. Caution, J. V. McClure, Jason Martin, S. W. Dalton and R. A. Mathison. Co. "E," TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY. Wm. H. Searey, David W. Searey and Geo. W. Lockeby. Co. "F," HAYWOOD COUNTY. Henry J. Franklin, R. H. Queen, W. L. Reese, A. A. Crawford and E. T. Herrell. Co. "H," HENDERSON COUNTY. Joseph Kaykendall, Ezekiel Kaykendall and Warren J. Lockman. Co. "I," BUNCOMBE COUNTY. G. W. Peoples and R. P. Allen. Co. "K," BUNCOMBE COUNTY. Madison G. Maney, Andrew J. Holt and J. M. Patterson. I trust that the Militia and civil officers will not be wanting in the discharge of their duty towards those men who have deserted the flag of their country in its most trying hour; and will at once arrest and send them back that they may be tried for their offences and placed again in ranks beside their more worthy comrades, who are undergoing so many hardships for the cause of their country, without a murmur. SAM. C. BRYSON, Lt. Col. Dec. 18.—St 25th Reg't N. C. T. Com'd'g.

NOTICE.

APPLICATION will be made to the present General Assembly of North Carolina for an amendment to the Charter of the Town of Asheville. Dec. 4.—6t.

FOR SALE.

A RESIDENCE IN ASHEVILLE. HOUSE (brick) new and elegant—grounds handsomely and conveniently arranged. Terms accommodating. W. A. PATTON. Asheville, May 22, 1862. 1f

FOR SALE.

AN ENGINE AND BOILER, OF ABOUT 8 horse power. Second-hand article, but in good condition. Apply to A. B. CHUNN & CO. Asheville, May 22, 1862. 1f

SHOE PEGS.

I AM MANUFACTURING SHOE PEGS, and will fill orders to their turn. TERMS CASH. Address H. LINDSEY, Sept. 18. Asheville, N. C.

HEADQUARTERS,

CAMP OF INSTRUCTION, CAMP HOLMES, December 1, 1862. IN accordance with instructions from the Secretary of War, the following General Order, No. 96, is published:—The enrolling officers of this State will pay particular attention to the same and report to these Headquarters all officers and enlisted men who do not comply promptly with said orders. By order of COL. PETER MALLETT, Commanding Camp of Instruction. E. G. MARK, Adjutant.

Adj't and Insp. Gen.'s Office, Richmond, Nov. 27, 1862. GENERAL ORDERS, No. 96.

Commandants of conscripts will cause the following order to be published for at least seven times in a sufficient number of newspapers in each State of the Confederacy to ensure its reaching every part of the country.

I. All commissioned officers and enlisted men who are now absent from their commands from any other cause than actual disability, or duty under orders from the Secretary of War, or from their department commanders, will return to their commands without delay.

II. Commissioned officers failing to comply with the provisions of the foregoing paragraph within a reasonable length of time, in no case to exceed twenty days after the publication of this order, shall be dropped from the rolls of the army in disgrace, and their names will be furnished to the commandant of conscripts for enrollment in the ranks.

III. All enlisted men who shall fail to comply with the provisions of paragraph I, of this order, within a reasonable length of time, shall be considered as deserters, and treated accordingly, their names to be furnished to the commandant of conscripts, in their State, for publication, or such other action as may be deemed most efficacious.

IV. In order to ensure the efficient co-operation of all concerned to carry this order into immediate effect, Department Commanders are directed to require from the commanding officer of each separate command in their Departments a prompt report of the names of all commissioned officers and enlisted men now absent from their commands. These reports must state in each case the cause of absence, and any regimental, battalion or company commander who shall neglect to furnish such report, or who shall knowingly be guilty of concealing any case of unauthorized absence, shall, on conviction thereof, be summarily dismissed.

V. Under the provisions of the 2d clause of paragraph I, of General Orders No. 82, commissioned officers and privates who are incapable of bearing arms in consequence of wounds received in battle, but who are otherwise fit for service, are required, if not otherwise assigned, to report to the nearest commandant of conscripts in their respective States, who will, if they are fitted for such duty, assign them to the collection of stragglers and the enforcement of the provisions of this order, with full power to call upon the nearest military authority for such assistance as may be necessary thereto.

VI. Officers of the Quartermaster's Department, charged with payment of troops are hereby directed not to pay any commissioned officer, non-commissioned officer or private who does not furnish satisfactory evidence that he is not liable to the penalties described in the foregoing order. Any disbursing officer who shall make payment in violation of this order shall be liable on his bond for the amount of such payment. By order. (Signed) S. COOPER, Adj't and Inspector General. Dec. 11. 7t

NOTICE.

THE attention of those soldiers who are now absent from Gen. Bragg's command, and especially those absent from the 60th N. C. Reg't without leave, is called to General Order No. 4, appended below, offering full pardon to all such soldiers who will report within a reasonable time to their respective commands. The undersigned will remain in Asheville for several days, and earnestly urges all members of the 60th N. C. Reg't, now absent without leave, to report to him, and transportation will be furnished to their Regiment. It is important that they should take advantage of this merciful amnesty offered by their commanding General, at an early day. W. M. HARDY, Capt. Co. A, 60th Reg't N. C. Vol. Dec. 11. 7t

GENERAL ORDER NO. 4.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF TENNESSEE, Murfreesboro', Tenn., December 1, 1862. Gratiated beyond expression at the confident tone and fine discipline which pervades his troops, and full of admiration at their fortitude and patient submission to privations, united with their gallantry and heroism in the recent arduous and brilliant campaign by which so much valuable territory has been redeemed and so many true and loyal people liberated, the General commanding is induced to publish a full pardon to all soldiers absent without authority who shall within a reasonable time return to their commands and report for duty. They are urged at once to avail themselves of this privilege before the inauguration of the new system of Military Courts established by law, as a vigorous and prompt administration of justice will be meted out to all delinquents. Thereafter no excuses will be allowed those who abandon their colors, and leave their comrades to perform their duties and defend their homes. Commissioned officers guilty of such offenses are excluded from the benefits of this amnesty, and will not be excused. They are held to be unworthy to command gallant men, and to merit exemplary punishment. Vigorous measures have been adopted to arrest all who fail to respond to this last generous appeal, and they must expect full justice, tempered only with the mercy they have failed to show either to their comrades or their cause. By command of General Bragg. GEORGE WM. BRENT, A. A. G. Dec. 11.—1f.

RECEIVER'S SALE.

BY virtue of decrees of the District Court of North Carolina, held for the District of Cape Fear, at Salisbury, on the first Monday of December, A. D. 1862, I shall expose to sale at public auction at the Court House in Marshall, on Monday of January Court, 1863, a tract of land situated in Madison county, on the head waters of Spring Creek, supposed to contain

Twelve Hundred Acres,

late the property of Ezekiel Birdseye, an alien enemy. I will also sell, in Asheville, on Monday of January Court, 1863, at the Court House door, at public auction, a lot of

Drugs and Patent Medicines,

late the property of alien enemies unknown. Terms—CASH. W. H. BAILEY, Receiver. Dec. 11. 4t

\$30 REWARD.

HEADQUARTERS 60th N. C. VOL., MURFREESBORO', TENN., Nov. 25, 1862. THE above reward will be paid for the apprehension and delivery to these Headquarters of Thomas Lindsay, private in my Co., who deserted his command on the 15th November, 1862. The said Lindsay lives near Leicester, N. C., is light complexion, red hair, is 6 ft. high, and can run or dance any body! \$30 will be paid, as above stated, for his apprehension and delivery, or \$15 for his confinement until sent for. JAMES M. RAY, Capt. Co. F. Dec. 11. 4t

ASHEVILLE MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

CONTINUE TO ISSUE POLICIES OF INSURANCE ON WHITE AND SLAVE LIVES. On more favorable terms than any other Company in the State: giving the insured perfect security against loss. Also POLICIES against LOSS BY FIRE. On as fair and reasonable terms as any other solvent Company can fairly do it. Asheville, Jan. 30, 1862. W. M. MURDOCH, Secretary. 1f

SALT! SALT!

THE undersigned SALT COMMISSIONERS for the county of Buncombe, want to hire 100 Wagons and Teams, For which they will pay liberal prices in cash. The TEAMS are wanted to go to the Salt Works in Virginia. The citizens of the county are hereby notified that we want a large number of Salt Sacks, for which we will pay the cash value on delivery to any of the Commissioners. The Sacks are wanted immediately to send for the Salt to supply the county.

W. D. RANKIN, Salt Comm'rs. W. R. BAIRD, JOHN BURGIN, N. BLACKSTOCK, 1f

C.S. ARMORY, ASHEVILLE, N. C.

WANTED IMMEDIATELY, 3,000 FEET CHERRY PLANK, 5,000 " 1 1/2 x 1 1/2 in. Pine " 5,000 " 1 in. Poplar " 10,000 " 2 1/2 x 1 1/2 in. Blk. Walnut " 5,000 Bus. Best Pine Charcoal. 500 Cords Wood. All well seasoned. The highest CASH prices will be paid upon delivery. R. W. FULLIAM, Agent C. S. A. Com'd'g. August 14. 1f

ALWAYS AT WORK.

E. L. TRIPLETT WOULD remind his old friends and customers that he is yet at his OLD STAND, In the south end of Asheville, where every description of

BLACKSMITHING

Can be done at the shortest notice and in superior style. Horse Shoeing done as no other establishment in this country can do it. Bring on your work, and it shall be done with despatch, and in the best manner. Asheville, Aug. 16, 1860. 1y

MARBLE YARD, Greenville, S. C.

JAMES M. ALLEN WOULD RESPECTFULLY inform the public that he has now on hand, at his Yard in Greenville, S. C., a large and varied stock, embracing every style and quality of

MARBLE,

Which he is working into Monuments, Tombstones, Mantel Pieces, &c., &c. Particular attention given to devices and lettering upon Tombstones. Orders promptly filled, and great care taken in boxing and forwarding.

THOS. W. ATKIN

Is my Agent at Asheville, and will receive orders and give all necessary information as to prices, terms, &c. JAMES M. ALLEN, Greenville, S. C., Oct. 11, 1860. 1y

Ho! for the Salt Works!

WANTED IMMEDIATELY 100 WAGONS, TO HAUL WOOD AT THE VIRGINIA SALT WORKS. For good four horse teams, we will pay FOUR dollars per day, and feed men and horses. For good six horse teams, we will pay FIVE dollars per day. Teamsters must furnish an extra Log Chain, and a few small Chains to fasten on loads, to each wagon, and must find their own bedding.

CARPENTERS AND MASONS.

100 CARPENTERS and Stone and Brick Masons also wanted immediately. For these we will pay from two to three dollars and fifty cents per day. Each Mason must bring his own Trowel, and each Carpenter a few Framing Tools, such as Broad Axes, Cross Cut Saws, Chisels, large Augurs, &c. They will be allowed rations, and will be required to form themselves into Messes or Squads.

WOOD CHOPPERS.

100 WOOD CHOPPERS also wanted immediately, for whom we will pay the customary price at the Works. Each chopper must bring his own Axe.

COMMON LABORERS.

100 COMMON LABORERS, white or black, also wanted, for whom we will pay one dollar per day and rations. We are anxious to start some eight or ten wagons next Monday, and those who wish to engage will please report immediately to either John E. Patton, G. T. Spear, E. Clayton, Asheville, or N. W. WOODFIN, State Agent. July 17. 1f

NOTICE.

ALL previous advertisements from the Dept. cease to be in force from this date. D. P. RAMSEUR, Asst. Surg. and Med. Purveyor C. S. A., Charlotte, N. C. Dec. 4.—3t

NOTICE.

A. T. SUMMEY, Esq., has my books, and also the books of HARDY & SUMMEY, to close up; and notice is hereby given to all who are owing any thing to come forward and settle with him immediately. Oct. 23.—3m. J. G. HARDY.

SUMMEY, SPEARS & CO., DEALERS IN

DRY GOODS, GROCERIES, BOOTS AND SHOES, HATS, CAPS AND LADIES' BONNETS, DRUGS & MEDICINES, STATIONARY, HARDWARE, &c., &c., &c. S. E. Corner Public Square, opposite Bank of Cape Fear, Asheville. October 18, 1860. 1f

Executors' Notice.

THE undersigned having qualified as Executors under the WILL of the late JAMES W. PATTON, desire all persons having claims against the Estate to present them immediately for settlement, also, all persons indebted to the Estate are requested to make settlement at their earliest convenience. JAS. A. PATTON, W. A. PATTON, T. W. PATTON, Exrs. February 6, 1862. 1f

WILLIAM F. JONES, Attorney at Law,

LENOIR, CALDWELL COUNTY, N. C. (Late removed from Hendersonville, N. C.) October 11, 1860

MEDICAL CARD.

DR. M. E. LAZARUS, GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY MEDICAL College of New York, and previous to the war, editor of a Medical Quarterly in that city, respectfully offers his professional services to the people of Asheville and the neighborhood. Office at the house recently occupied by GOV. VANCE. Oct. 30.—1f

SWANNANOVA HOUSE,

Asheville, N. C. THE subscriber having leased the above House, (Late Smith's Hotel,) and having thoroughly overhauled it from cellar to garret, would respectfully inform the traveling public, and those in search of health or pleasure, that he is prepared to accommodate them in a style not inferior to the best. Attentive SERVANTS will be on hand to wait upon his guests, and his TABLE will be supplied with the best the country affords. JAMES ROBERTSON. September 11, 1862. 1y

CAROLINA HOUSE,

(MAIN STREET, NORTH OF BUCK HOTEL) ASHEVILLE, N. C. THIS HOUSE is now open for the reception of company. Good Rooms, Good Servants, GOOD FARE, CHARGES REASONABLE. B. J. SMITH, Proprietor. July 18, 1861. 1f

RAVENSCROFT SCHOOL.

THE exercises of this School will be resumed on the 1st Monday (4th day) of August. Terms per Session of 5 Months: (TWENTY WEEKS.) PAYABLE IN ADVANCE.

Primary English Department \$15 00 Higher " Branches..... 20 00 Classics..... 25 00 L. HOLMES, 1f

Office of Surg. Gen. of N. C.,

NOVEMBER 12, 1862. THE following articles are required for our sick and wounded soldiers: Shoes, Socks, Hats, Coats, Pants, Drawers, Leather, Shoe Thread, Lasts, (from No. 6 to No. 12 inclusive.) Buttons, Cotton Cloth, Flannel, Potatoes, Brandy, Butter, Eggs, &c., &c., &c. Proposals will be received at this office for a proper supply of them. Those able and willing to contribute will please address the undersigned. Transportation will be furnished, if necessary, by the government. EDWARD WARREN, Surg. Gen. of N. C. Nov. 20. 1m

\$30.00 REWARD.

DESERTED This camp on the night of the 22nd Nov., 1862, W. C. HUGHES. He is some 5 feet 11 inches high, weighs 145 or 50 lbs., slender built, quick spoken, dark eyes and hair, swarthy complexion. The above reward will be given for his delivery at the Headquarters of the 60th Reg't N. C. Troops, Murfreesboro', Tenn., or fifteen dollars for the apprehension of the rascal in Asheville Jail. W. R. WEST, Capt. Dec. 4.—3t Com'd'g Co. K, 60th N. C. T.

ATTENTION!

HEADQUARTERS 64th REG'T N. C. VOL., KNOXVILLE, Nov. 27, 1862. ALL men absent from this command on furlough, are ordered to report at these Headquarters immediately. Men on sick list must report also at the expiration of their furlough, or they will be published as deserters and rewards offered for them. A Surgeon's certificate will not be taken unless he makes a full statement, and is convinced that it would endanger their lives to remove to camp, and he must make the statement upon oath. By command of Col. L. M. ALLEN, Com'd'g 64th Reg't N. C. Vol. L. H. SMITH, Adjutant. Dec. 4.—3t

\$30.00 REWARD.

MORRISTOWN, TENN., Nov. 25, 1862. THE above reward will be paid for the apprehension and delivery to me at this camp, of Elbert S. Burger, a private in company I, 62nd Reg't N. C. Troops. Said Burger is about 22 years of age, fair complexion, blue eyes and light hair, is about 5 feet 10 inches high, and weighs about 150 pounds. Said E. S. Burger left camp at Zollicoffer, Tenn., on the 25th Oct., on an 8 days furlough and has not since been heard of. His father lives in the southern part of Washington county, Tenn., and his mother in Haywood, N. C.; in either of which places he may be lurking. By command of Col. R. G. A. Love, WM. J. WILSON, Capt. Dec. 4.—3t Co. I, 62d Reg't N. C. T.

\$30.00 REWARD.

HEADQUARTERS 29th N. C. TROOPS, NORMANDY, Nov. 25, 1862. THE above reward will be paid for each of the following deserters, privates in company C, 29th N. C. Troops: James Whitted and W. J. McCall. James Whitted deserted on the 4th inst., having procured a pass to go to Morristown Hospital as nurse. Whitted is 5 ft. 10 in. high, dark complexion, blue eyes, black hair, and may be found in the neighborhood of Sandy Mush. McCall is 5 ft. 9 in. high, dark complexion, blue eyes, light hair and broad face, and deserted the company and Reg't on or about the 15th inst., and may be found in the neighborhood of Fine's Creek; or \$15 dollars will be paid for each of them, confined in any jail or camp in the Confederacy, so that I can get them. By order of Maj. Cressman. JOHN W. GUDGER, Capt. Dec. 4.—3t Co. C, 29th N. C. T.

STOP THE THIEF!

A BLACK MARE stolen from my stable on Monday night last. She is five years old, and about fourteen hands high. A liberal reward will be paid for the recovery of the MARE, and TWICE AS MUCH for the thief. Stop the second! W. MORRISON. Near Asheville, Nov. 12, 1862.—1f

TO HIRE.

A SMART, active young negro woman, who understands house work generally. Inquire at THIS OFFICE. Nov. 20. 5t

NOTICE.

APPLICATION will be made to the present session of the Legislature of North Carolina for a Charter for a Turnpike Road from Asheville, N. C., to the Tennessee line, in the direction of Johnson's Depot. Nov. 14. 6t

RUN THE BLOCKADE. DIRECT IMPORTATION.

I HAVE just received and opened an invoice of goods purchased in Europe, consisting in part of

Sulphate Quinine, Ext. Traxicum, Morphine, Ext. Gentian, Nugent Hyarg, Nutmegs, Cream Tartar, Hoffman's Anodyne, Spas. Nitric Ether, Sulphur, Chloride Soda, Chloroform, Chlorate Potassa, Croton Oil, Uva Ursi, Eucbu, Adhesive Plaster, Gum Guaiac, Glass Syringes, Trusses, Iron by Hydrogen, Glyceolite, Symp. Iodide of Iron, Pulv. Rhee, Oil Cloves, Pulv. Cinchona, Gum Bergamot, Olive Oil, Gum Myrrh, Gum Gamboge, Castor Oil, Gum Ammoniac, Carbonate Ammonia, Burgundy Pitch, &c., &c., &c., &c., &c.

50 Doz. Spool Cotton Thread—White and Black, 200 lbs. Scotch Snuff, 500 lbs. Copperas, 400 Gallons Alcohol. All of which are for sale at ASTON'S. Nov. 6. 1f

JON. WHALEY,

CLOCK AND WATCH MAKER, WOULD respectfully inform the citizens of Asheville and surrounding country, that he has located in

ASHEVILLE,

For the purpose of carrying on the above business in its various branches. He also offers for sale a SMALL ASSORTMENT OF

WATCHES AND JEWELRY,

Consisting in part of Gold and Silver Watches, Breast-Pins, Finger-Rings, Gold Spectacles, Gold Thimbles, Jewelry in Sets, Cameos, Lavas, Coral, &c., Silver Forks, Spoons, &c.

CLOCKS AND WATCHES

Repaired with neatness and despatch and warranted. Jewelry mended. Court House square, front of MERRIMON & SONS' Store. JON. WHALEY. July 10. 1f

\$150 REWARD.

Catch the deserters—Bring them to justice! HEADQUARTERS 62d REG'T N. C. TROOPS, HAYNESVILLE, TENN., Oct. 9, 1862.

I WILL give one hundred and fifty dollars reward for the apprehension and delivery to me at these Headquarters of the following named deserters from my command, Company C, 62nd Regiment N. C. Troops, or thirty dollars for either of them, viz: Montaville M. Robertson, H. F. Robertson, Posey A. Robertson, Elissa Franklin and John Messer.

MONTAVILLE M. ROBERTSON, is thirty years of age, 5 feet 11 inches high, Auburn hair, swarthy complexion, slender built, and weighs about 150 pounds.

H. F. ROBERTSON is 28 years of age, 6 feet high, Auburn hair, lips when talking, and weighs 170 pounds.

POSEY A. ROBERTSON is 24 years of age, swarthy complexion, five feet 9 inches high, weighs 140 pounds, and is very stoop-shouldered, and would make a fine looking soldier if his head was turned the other way. All three of the above named persons are sons of Alexander Robertson, familiarly known in Haywood county as the copper-bottom, and are supposed to be lurking about in the mountains of Western North Carolina and East Tennessee.

ELISSA FRANKLIN is 32 years old, has sandy hair, grey eyes, freckled face, 5 feet 9 inches high, and weighs 150 pounds.

JOHN MESEER is 28 years old, light hair, beard nearly white, fair skin, 6 feet high, and weighs 160 pounds. The two latter are supposed to be in the mountains in Haywood county.

The good of the service requires that these men should be caught and brought out of their hiding places and punished severely as an example to others. I therefore appeal to all good citizens—every one who has the cause of Southern Independence at heart—to keep a sharp look out for them, and on the very first opportunity to arrest them and bring them here to me, and get the liberal reward offered.

By command of Col. R. G. A. Love, JOHN TURPIN, Capt. Oct. 16. Co. C, 62nd Reg't N. C. Troops. 1f

THIRTY DOLLARS REWARD.

HEADQUARTERS CAMP JACKSON, HAYNESVILLE, TENN., Oct. 9, 1862. THE above reward will be paid for the apprehension and delivery to me at these Headquarters of JOSEPH A. GRANT, a private in Company A, 62d Regiment N. C. Troops. Said Grant is about 25 years of age, red complexion, blue eyes and light hair, is about five feet six inches high, and weighs about one hundred and forty-five pounds.

By command of Col. R. G. A. Love, ASBURY T. ROGERS, Capt. Oct. 16. Com'd'g Co. A, 62d N. C. T. 1f

NOTICE.

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE WE WILL BE under the necessity of Selling Goods for Pay Cash. We can buy nothing unless paying CASH for it, and if we are to keep up a

STOCK OF GOODS

To supply the wants of our customers, we must have pay down for GOODS on delivery. SUMMEY, SPEARS & CO. Sept. 19, 1861. 1f